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August 20, 2013

To:

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman

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From:

William T Fuijoka

Chief Executive Officer

JAIL PLAN (ITEM NO. S-1, AGENDA OF JULY 16, 2013) BOARD MOTION

On July 16, 2013, the Board directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to identify the necessary funds for Vanir Construction Management (Vanir) to further develop the program for the proposed Consolidated Correctional Treatment Facility (CCTF), including staffing and operational cost, and any additional analysis that sufficiently prepares the County to initiate design activities if it chooses to do so. Additionally, the Board directed the CEO to make a formal request to the State on the conditions upon which the AB 900 grant funds can be used other than for the existing qualifying project. In response to your Board's direction, the CEO accomplished the following:

- The necessary funding for Vanir to complete their analysis of the proposed CCTF, including programming, staffing, and operational costs, will be paid from existing appropriation within the 2013-14 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget; and
- Correspondence has been transmitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) formally requesting guidance on the procedural steps required upon which the AB 900 grant funds can be transferred to another project location. A copy of the letter has been attached for your reference.

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I am available to discuss this matter with you, or your staff may contact Tracey Jue at (213) 893-2472.

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Mr. Robert Oates Project Director III Board of State and Community Corrections 660 Bercut Drive Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Mr. Oates:

ASSEMBLY BILL 900 – PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER WOMEN'S VILLAGE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CHANGING PROJECT LOCATION SB 1022 / AB 900 POTENTIAL GRANT COORDINATION

The County of Los Angeles (County) formally requests guidance on the procedural steps required to change the project location in the Assembly Bill (AB) 900 conditional grant from the proposed Women's Village Project (Project) site at Pitchess Detention Center (Pitchess) to Mira Loma Detention Facility (Mira Loma). This request is in response to the following changes in circumstance and direction by the County Board of Supervisors:

- The vacating of Mira Loma by the Federal Immigration and Custom Enforcement Agency (ICE) in November 2012;
- The lower cost requirements to accommodate 1,156 female inmates at Mira Loma; and
- A new priority placed by the County Board of Supervisors on improving the housing and treatment of inmates with medical and mental health/substance abuse issues.

Based on these changes, the County Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on July 16, 2013 to formally inquire about the conditions upon which the AB 900 Grant funds could be used at a site other than for the existing qualifying project at Pitchess.

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Mira Loma Project Site Benefits

At the time the County submitted the AB 900 Grant package to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), Mira Loma was occupied by ICE and was, therefore, not considered as a potential project location for the AB 900 Grant. In November 2012, however, the ICE terminated their contract with the County and withdrew from Mira Loma. Since the departure of ICE from Mira Loma, the County has been studying the feasibility of developing the proposed Project at that location as opposed to Pitchess for several reasons:

- The total cost to develop Mira Loma for 1,156 female inmates is approximately \$52.4 million, as opposed to the \$194 million for Pitchess;
- Existing infrastructure at Mira Loma can be used to expedite delivery of the Project; and
- Mira Loma is relatively free of easements and financial encumbrances, thus enabling an expedited due diligence process.

A change in Project location to Mira Loma in the Grant could significantly reduce the County's draw down of funds from the AB 900 conditional award. Of the estimated \$52.4 million to develop Mira Loma for 1,156 female inmates, the County would be required to use approximately \$5.2 million in net County cost, and would only draw down \$47.2 million of Grant funding if the Project location is changed. The remaining estimated \$52.8 million of the initial \$100 million conditional Grant award could be available for potential reallocation by the BSCC for other uses.

Changing the Project location from Pitchess to Mira Loma also provides an opportunity to potentially coordinate the use of funding from the AB 900 Grant with that of the recently released SB 1022 Grant. In July 2013, the BSCC released the Request for Proposals for Senate Bill (SB) 1022 Construction of Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities. The legislative intent behind SB 1022 is to consider programming needs to appropriately manage the offender population, to include development of requisite housing space, reentry programs, mental health programs, and/or treatment space.

Coordination of AB 900 and SB 1022 Grants and Programs

The County plans to apply for the SB 1022 Grant. If selected, the County could use the SB 1022 Grant, in conjunction with the AB 900 Grant, to enhance the Mira Loma facility to provide opportune programming space for a reentry program that addresses mental health and substance abuse (co-occurring) disorders in collaboration with a co-occurring disorder rehabilitation program that the County is planning to house at a site adjacent to the Mira Loma facility. In addition to the detention beds and rehabilitation center, such a complex could potentially include:

- Step-Down Privilege Dorms (Education Based Incarceration (EBI) Campus): 448 beds (7 dorms with 64 beds per dorm) in a *mentoring/custody* setting for transitioning to the adjacent reentry program for mental health and substance abuse/or intensive life skill training and education. Campus will be configured to accommodate all EBI programs, including enhanced visiting (for extended visits with children); meal choices; normative housing furniture and fixtures; continuing intensive treatment programs; as well as job, school, and trade trainings. Programs and housing will be designed to deliver a more normative environment to assist in the transition to reentry from jail.
- Reentry: 236 beds (118 rooms with 2 beds per room) in a non-custody setting providing continuing mental health/substance abuse treatment plus continuing programs for life skills and job training. Configuration will be double occupancy rooms, to allow for the transition to independent living.

In order to effectuate the coordination of the AB 900 and SB 1022 Grants to develop the aforementioned female detention, treatment, and reentry campus at Mira Loma, we are seeking information on the procedural steps required to formally transfer the Project AB 900 Grant from Pitchess to Mira Loma. After guidance is provided by the BSCC, the CEO will report back to the County Board of Supervisors on the actions necessary to transfer the Project location.

Should you require additional information, or would like to discuss this request further, please call Jan Takata at (213) 974-1360, or Tracey Jue at (213) 893-3472.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

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